Statement-II

Funds allocated to Chhattisgarh Circle during the current Annual Plan

Sl. No.	Plan Scheme/Activity	Annual Plan 2004-05 (Rs. in crores)
1.	Expansion of Postal network	0.10
2.	Computerisation of post Offices (installation of MPCMs), Accounts and Administrative offices and software Development	1.07
3.	Modernization of operative/working systems (improving ergonomics)	0.34
4.	Modernization/upgradation of premium products	0.03
5.	Upgradation of promotion of philately	0.04
6.	Training	0.14
7.	Construction of buildings	0.41
8.	New Products and services including Development of financial Products and services	0.02
	Total:	2.15

Teledensity in Jharkhand

2491. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of telephone exchanges in Jharkhand, indicating existing capacity of each and exchanges which are earmarked to be upgraded alongwith their time-frame, if any;

(b) whether BSNL mobile connections are available on demand in Jharkhand; if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of post-paid and pre-paid mobile telephone connections of BSNL in Jharkhand;

(d) the present status of availability of landline telephone in the State;

(e) whether teledensity in Jharkhand is much below the national average; and

(f) if so, the steps contemplated for its augmentation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) The details of telephone exchanges as on 1st February, 2005 in Jharkhand indicating existing capacity of each are given in the Annexure-[*See* Appendix 204. Annexure No. 22] and the exchanges, which are earmarked to be upgraded along with time frame, are given in the Annexure-[*See* Appendix 204, Annexure No. 22]

(b) BSNL Cell-One Mobile Phone connections are provided on demand. However, we are unable to provide Excel connections on demand due to capacity constraints *vis-a-vis* huge demand.

(c) There are 37053 Post-paid and 128341 Pre-paid Mobile telephone connections of BSNL in Jharkhand as on 01.03.2005.

(d) Exchange-wise availability of landline telephones/DELs (Direct Exchange Lines) is given in Annexure-[*See* Appendix 204, Annexure No. 22]

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) Efforts are made to improve the teledensity to national average. To achieve this following steps are taken:

(i) Deployment of WLL (Wireless in Local Loop) BTSs (Base Terminal Stations) in Rural and Urban areas.

(ii) Deployment of GSM (Global System for Mobile communication) BTSs in Urban areas and expansion of telephone exchanges capacities.

Ban on unsolicited telemarketing

2492. SHRI DARA SINGH:
SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the growing demand for a total